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THE value of Northern Pacific R. R. lands is estimated at \$185,000,000.

ABOUT \$120,000 has been contributed to the Garfield monument fund.

SAN ANTONIO is to have a letter delivery to commence about September 1st.

THE public debt of Egypt is \$600,000,000, most of which is held in England.

HON. A. H. STEPHENS has been nominated for Governor by the Democracy of Georgia.

THE nomination of Merritt Joslyn for assistant Secretary of the Interior has been confirmed by the Senate.

J. W. DAWSON, colored, has been selected as the Republican candidate for Congressman at-large of Virginia.

THE war in Egypt still continues to wax stronger, and bids fair to become an unpleasantness of considerable magnitude.

THE steamer Ranchon, for Atchafalaya river, blew out the head of her forward bow last Wednesday, killing one negro and severely scalding fifteen deck hands besides four of the officers.

DEATH OF MILLIONAIRES.—In a recent wreck on the Jersey Central railroad there were five millionaires killed and their bodies taken out of the wreck. They were James A. Mallory, E. L. Bradley, Cephas S. Woodruff, G. W. Demarest and William R. Garrison.

GEORGE B. LOVING informs us by private letter that the Stock Journal Publishing Co. have purchased the Democrat-Advance and that they will start a new paper about August 1st. It is to be called the Daily Gazette. George will be the chief manager. Of course it will be a success.

Mrs. SCOVILLE has quarreled with Rev. Dr. Hicks over the body of her brother. She says that she is poor and wants to sell the remains, and charges Hicks with taking what does not belong to him. The whole affair is disgusting. The woman is an ill-mannered crank, and Hicks has very little reverence about him.—Ez.

THE appropriation to protect the country against contagious diseases was cut down by the House to \$17,000 and a clause inserted to appropriate \$25,000 for the removal of the bodies of DeLong and party from their frozen burial place to a New York cemetery. That's right; take care of the dead first and then look after the living.—Tom Green Times.

Certainly, that is very consistent. Take care of the dead and let the living look to themselves. DeLong and party can't bring themselves back now.

THE fiscal year that closed June 30 was one of the most successful in its results in the history of the country. The debt was reduced \$157,634,000—the largest reduction ever made in any one year. The receipts from customs were \$220,000,000, a gain of \$20,000,000 over the preceding year; and the receipts from internal revenue were \$146,000,000, a gain of \$10,000,000 over the preceding year. The custom receipts were larger than ever before in one year, and show clearly the need for a reduction in the tariff rates. The entire revenue receipts for the year were \$408,000,000.—St. Louis Republic.

WE have received from Hon. Thos. H. Brents, the very talented delegate in Congress from Washington Territory, a copy of the Congressional Record containing his speech delivered in the House on the 25th of June, 1892, upon the admission of that territory as a state into the Union, he having introduced a bill to that effect. He handles his subject in a masterly manner, giving an accurate and very interesting description of the Territory, its resources, climate, productions etc., which to us has been very interesting indeed. The Honorable gentleman will please accept our thanks. He has our best wishes for the success of his objects.

The County Seat Question.

WE have been reliably informed that the citizens of Belle Plaine are going to petition the County Judge to proclaim an election this fall to determine which shall be the future county seat—Belle Plaine or Baird. We have also been reliably informed that parties in Belle Plaine are and have been hard at work log rolling and wire pulling for that place. We have refrained from making a fight on this question, knowing that frequently bitter strife are engendered by these county seat fights; but if war is the programme we are emphatically in the ring, believing that Baird is the proper place for the county seat. Both time and space prevent our giving a statement of the case in this issue, but in our next we will tell the citizens of Callahan county why it will be to the public good to vote for Baird for the future seat of government of Callahan county.

The Wool Question.

Correspondence Pittsburg Stockman.

Many persons in the United States are engaged in raising wool, it being the entire product with many of them. Other growers engage in "mixed" farming, wool raising, however, principally engaging their attention. On the other hand but few, comparatively, are engaged in the manufacture of wool. Among all growers, at this season of the year, an anxiety is felt as to the price they will be compelled to take for their clip. Compelled, we say, for it is strictly a matter of compulsion. How few are aware that the price of wool is annually "fixed" in a dark room in the rear of some manufacturing establishment in the East. In the grain trade we have the "bull" gamblers, as well as the "bears," and producers very frequently reap an advance from a "corner" in grain. But in the wool trade all the wild animals are "bears," with shaggy coats and terrifying looks. From chronic acquaintance, perhaps, the grower rather courts the advent of his bearship, and, strange to state, seems to enjoy an occasional "squeeze."

These "bears" abound in the region around about Boston. They do frequently congregate in dens to consult their barish interests. Emisaries are sent to "see" the wool commission firms. These emisaries say to the commission men: "The clip this year must be bought for 35 cents; 35 cents is the limit we will pay; and if the producer demands 40 cents, there will be a dead-lock, and you will get no commission on 35 cents than to make no sales. Send out your circulars urging local dealers to 'act,' make 'conservative bids on basis of present prices,' etc."

The argument takes beautifully, and immediately a litter of "cubs" comes forth, quickly to develop into full-fledged "bears,"—and every commission house has its litter! The little presses begin to work off the well-known circular with latest quotations and the sympathetic advice: Send in your consignments early, etc. These circulars, gratuitously distributed, do the business. Buyers get private instructions, while the circulars are intended to bear public opinion. The lugubrious buyer comes around with his mournful story, "The great strike," "enormous foreign wools available," "falling dry-goods markets," "over supply" and "quintity times ahead." If your clip is old it "must stand a reduction." If old wool is sold they must buy new cheaply—"too green for immediate use." Like the ogre, they blow hot and they blow cold with the same breath.

While this is going on the agreeably deluded grower stands serenely by mouth open, and arms in his pockets to the elbow, taking it all in. The meekly minded grower hardly likes to take 35 cents to-day. "Dearish" buyer returns to-morrow and offers 33 cents. Farmer glad to get it, and sells for 33 cents. So do we all of the "agreeably gullible" brigade. Next year we hush each other up, no daring to whisper 40 cents, for fear his excellency, the "bear," falls to come and "squeeze" us again.

What is the situation to-day? Last fall the winter wool brought 40 to 45c, and brought these figures until quite recently. Prices of all things, labor included, are high, and business, the country over, is brisk. Not near the amount of wool is grown in the United States that is annually consumed, and wool in London market rates as high as within a twelve month back. Then why should wool bring less than last year's prices? Is it on account of the iron strike? Certainly not. The depression in Boston market was effected before the strike was contemplated. The cause, and the only cause, is that the "bears" in their dens assembled, have decided to buy the clip at 35c per pound reduction, "just because they can." But can they? Judging the future by the past, we are reluctantly compelled to confess that we "guess so." J. R. M.

The Plaster of Paris Factory.

WE took a walk over to the Plaster of Paris works of the Franco-Texas Land Co., on Wednesday, and found the force all busy making the gypsum rock of one native hill into a superior quality of plaster of Paris. This industry has been under headway only six or seven weeks, but during its brief existence has done a fair business, and will do much better when the fitness and merit of their product is more extensively known. Mr. Chaffet, the polite and enterprising superintendent of the factory informed us that the shipment up to date had been fourteen carloads, of seventy-five barrels each. Because of lack of cars to transport the plaster to eastern markets as rapidly as possible, the buildings of the company have times been so full that it was necessary to stop work and put the hands in the quarry. But this being the time of the year when the full capacity of the road is required to move the heavy freights common at this season, the lack of cars is unusual and unavoidable in the railroad, and the difficulty will soon be removed. Mr. Chaffet says there are now in store about 700 barrels. The railroad company has already given him a special rate on freight, but he hopes his shipments will soon entitle him to further reduction.—Sweetwater Advance.

Read a good paper, the CLARENDON, for instance; only \$2.00 a year.

Letter from Battle Creek.

BATTLE CREEK, July 14, 1892.

EDITOR CLARENDON.—I left Cottonwood Springs the 8th of this month, after a stay of two weeks or more. The citizens of Cottonwood community are divided on account of the difficulty existing between Mr. Holton and Parish, and as great is the division that a new school community has been organized by the friends of Mr. Parish. It is to be regretted that such useful and honorable men as Holton and Parish should so disagree as to become antagonistic to each other, and through this antagonism disturb the peace of the quiet citizens of Cottonwood and also the school community. Mr. Holton is a merchant and is looked upon by many as an honest, honorable and useful man. Mr. Parish is a school teacher of rare talent and is a member of the board of examiners for this county. He came to Cottonwood a few months ago and worked up an interest in education never before experienced there, and through his efforts a neat school house was built. No one can tell the result of the difficulty, but one thing is certain, their union is severed and instead of peace, harmony and sociability which once existed there is strife, discord and division, which are fatal to any place.

Messrs. Elms & Craig, of Cottonwood, have set their mill in order and are prepared to grind corn and wheat for the public. I arrived at Battle Creek the 11th of July and have been the guest of Mr. Chapman. Here I met Mr. W. A. Glenn, an agent of the CLARENDON. I visited Putnam and formed the acquaintance of Mr. Tabor, a merchant at that place; J. M. Foy is also a merchant there. Both houses are well filled with goods with which to supply the demand at Battle Creek.

The crops of this vicinity, consisting of corn, cotton, oats, millet and potatoes, are fine. There has never been a more favorable prospect for an abundant crop than this year. The people are rejoicing in view of their store houses and barns being filled once more. Mr. Surles has the finest crop I ever saw in Callahan county. Mr. Chapman has fine corn, cotton and potatoes and has two acres in water-melons which are very fine. He carried a large wagon load to Belle Plaine last Tuesday and will take a load to Baird the first of next week. He is sanguine about receiving one year's subscription for the largest melon presented at the CLARENDON office.

The citizens of this place have erected a school house 20 x 30 feet which would speak well for any community. Mr. Caunada and family, of this place, left this week for Johnson county, where they expect to reside in the future.

The name Battle Creek is an appropriate one for this section of country. I am informed that ever since the great battle of six-shooters which occurred a number of years ago between the cow men and Indians, trouble has existed and continues to exist up to the present day. Mr. Craig Clemmer, deputy constable, informed me yesterday that times were getting squally, that he was expecting to receive orders every day to arrest some one for fighting, and I learn from other sources that there is a man carrying a big Spencer rifle.

There are other items of note but as I have some business to transact I will close. Yours respectfully, G. L. HALLIE.

In an Austin special to the Galveston News appears the following:

Captain Neville forwarded the adjutant general the following letter, found near Malone, a station on the Southern Pacific, and presumably having reference to Frank and Jesse James:

IN THE HOLE, June 20th, 1892. Dear Friend: I put the money and the five watches under the black rock twenty-two steps from where we ate dinner Sunday on the bank. I saw two rangers yesterday on a scout, so took a skiff at once. Dan, meet me in El Paso on the 24th, without fail, and we will go to Frisco and see how it will win for us. We will all get together in El Paso. Yours, etc., FRANK J.

P. S.—Dan, do as I tell you, and your days will be bright ones, as I used to say. N. M. A. P. FRANK.

McCabe's Pictorial History of the World.

This book, from the first page to the last, is interesting and instructive. We never remember to have seen a book so completely fills the wants of the general reader, as this History. It takes up each nation separately and relates its history down to the present time. The History of Greece, Rome, the nations of Europe, America, all are found in its pages. To all who wish to study the history of the various nations of ancient and modern times, without delving into hundreds of volumes, it is invaluable, for it contains the path of hundreds of histories. Especially to the young is this book a treasure, and we trust that every one of our readers will subscribe for the book, for we not only recommend it, but urge all to have it in their possession.—Chicago Journal.

The Excelsior manufactory, at Cuero, have sixteen looms in position, and will soon begin weaving cotton.

Over The State.

S. L. OGLE.

W. W. OGLE.

This year Alex. Tidrick raised 90 bushels of oats per acre on his farm near Denison.

Last year Texas imported corn. This year's crop is estimated at 140,000,000 bushels, of which it is thought 50,000,000 bushels will be for shipment.

The hardest rain and hail storm that has occurred for years visited Comanche county last week. Some of the hail stones measured two inches in diameter.

Bastrop county produced the first bushel of new meal. In that county there are over one thousand children between eight and fourteen who cannot read.

The Board of Regents of the State University will meet on the 16th of next month to elect a faculty; and it is thought the university will be opened on the first of next January in temporary quarters.

A number of bears and curious fish fell during a recent storm at Farmer City. They are described as having four distinct legs protruding from their bodies, the legs being furnished with perfectly constructed toes.

While the wheat crop in this country promises splendidly, that of Europe will not reach an average. This will give a good market for American grain, especially at the troubles in Egypt that should obstruct the supply from India.

Last Saturday night at 7 o'clock the jury in the case of ex-Marshall Russell returned a verdict of not guilty. Colonel Russell's friends congratulated him on the result of his trial, and feel confident that the other cases will be dismissed.

Last Sunday a single steamship brought almost 1,000 Mormon emigrants to New York. They came from Great Britain and Scandinavia, and are recent converts of the missionaries sent there. Of course they believe in polygamy.

There was a most remarkable and unexpected rise in the Brazos river at Waco last Monday. The water came down with a rush in a solid wall fully two feet high, and this was followed by a very rapid rise. Much damage was done to growing crops and farms near the river.

Last Saturday night, while in New York, M. Rosenthal, of Dallas, was sitting in a chair tilted back on the porch of the house at which he was staying, when he lost his balance and fell to the ground, a distance of ten feet, receiving injuries from which he died the next morning.

A wreck occurred on the Central road last Tuesday at Cisco. It was caused by a train striking the train which was bound for Albany. The engine was unable to account for the strange phenomenon, the night previous having been remarkably cool.—McKinney Citizen.

The immense crops of peaches and apples in east, north-east and south-east Texas has revived the distillation and manufacture of apple brandy and peach brandy for the first time since the close of the war. Over twenty distilleries have been licensed and put in operation in the Fourth Internal Revenue district. In the past two weeks, with daily capacities of from fifty to three hundred gallons each, peaches and apples are so plentiful in the section named that the cannot be gathered, and run on the ground. Chinese chings, larger than a man's fist, are selling for fifteen cents a bushel. The revenue officers say there will be lost one hundred distilleries in operation before the close of the year.

The Largest Stock Owner.

The largest stock raiser in the United States is W. B. Toddhunter, of Texas. He branded 9,000 calves last spring, and has already marketed 5,000 head this season. He has about 20,000 head of stock cattle, and owns more than 100,000 acres of land. Mr. Toddhunter owns 1,100 bulls and 300 saddle horses; employs 50 men, and puts up 5,500 tons of hay to guard against hard winter. He keeps 100 work horses, and raises grain enough to feed all his saddle and work stock. Besides his cattle he has 700 or 800 stock horses, 4 jacks and 50 stallions.—El Paso Times.

The El Paso paper is "slightly off." We suppose he has never heard of Bob Stafford, on the Colorado, with 100,000 head; nor of Thos. O'Connor, of Itasca, with nearly 100,000 head; nor of King, with his immense herds. In addition to these south Texas cowboys boast of several cattlemen who own 40,000 to 50,000 head; while in north-west Texas we have C. C. Slaughter, Dan Waggoner and others, who each own 40,000 head—and there are probably a dozen firms and incorporated companies in northwest Texas whose stock, respectively, number over 30,000 head.—Live Stock Journal.

TEXAS.—A correspondent of the Chicago Times, writing from San Antonio, represents Texas as in a most prosperous condition. Probably no other new section of the United States ever advanced more rapidly toward wealth and the development of its resources. Land worth twenty-five cents an acre four years ago now sells like hot cakes for \$2 and upward, and the State is rapidly being deprived of its lands by settlers, of course, through the process of law. The growth of the wool interest has been nearly doubled within the past year, and the clip is now nearly all in, and is safe to say that it will exceed 7,000,000 pounds for the section of country tributary to San Antonio. An estimate of wool buyers places the crop of this spring in Western Texas proper in the vicinity of 25,000,000 pounds, worth \$3,500,000.

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